

FAIR HOUSING AWARD

You have the opportunity to nominate a person, organization, or formalized group who has contributed significantly to providing equal opportunity in the field of housing. Someone whose contributions have given new meaning to “fair housing and equal opportunity” will be honored during the luncheon on Wednesday, April 22, 2009.

The nomination criteria are:

- Self nominations will not be considered
- Nominations from LCHR Staff and Commissioners will not be considered
- LCHR Staff, appointees/volunteers are not eligible to receive this award

All nominations must include:

- Nomination form accurately completed
- Written narrative, 1000 words or less, describing nominees contributions and significant accomplishments in the area of fair housing.
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- Nominees will be judged by their outstanding achievement in improving housing opportunities based upon activities implemented, services performed or programs operated. Specifically,
 - a demonstrated commitment to fair housing activities
 - the use of new and creative measures to fight housing discrimination, prejudice and the effects of past housing discrimination
 - the fostering of intergroup relations by promoting mutual respect, understanding, cultural awareness and appreciation in business, education, government, religion and other areas of civic endeavor

A selection committee composed of housing providers and conference partners will determine the awardee based upon a numerical rating process. The Fair Housing Award will be presented at the Annual Fair Housing Conference luncheon to be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at the Cornhusker Marriot hotel.

Please contact 402-441-7624 if you need a nomination form.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE
POSTMARKED BY MARCH 16, 2009

Please contact 402-441-7624 for a nomination form or you can download one at <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/human/index.htm>

Registration deadline:

April 6, 2009

Registration is limited to the first 300 registrants. You must register, no matter what your registration type is. Separate registrations are required for each individual. You may photocopy the registration form as needed.

Cancellation deadline:

April 6, 2009

No luncheon refunds will be given after this date.

Out-of-Town Registrants

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Cornhusker Marriott hotel for a rate of \$99.00 per day for a double room or single room. Reservations must be made by March 31, 2009 to ensure conference rate.

Please call the Cornhusker Marriott hotel directly at 1-866-706-7706 and mention the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights / Fair Housing Conference. For more information please call the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights at 402-441-7624.



Conference Underwriter

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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Conference

2009



An Intensive
One and a Half Day
Conference on
Fair Housing Issues

Tuesday, April 21 -
Wednesday, April 22

Cornhusker Marriott
Lincoln, Nebraska

This program is funded in part under a HUD Grant

Fair Housing Conference 2009

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009

Cornhusker Marriott • 333 South 13th Street • Lincoln, NE 68508

CONFERENCE AGENDA

CHECK IN Tuesday, April 21, 2009 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22, 2009 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.



SESSION TIME	Session Name	Session Name	Session Name
	TUESDAY, APRIL 21		
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	CHECK-IN		
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Fair Housing Law: A Legal Update – John Relman		
	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22		
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	CHECK-IN		
10:00-10:15 a.m.	Welcome & Remarks – Chris Beutler, Mayor of the City of Lincoln		
10:15-11:30 a.m. (Plenary Session)	What Diversity Means Today – Joe Gerstandt		
11:30 - 11:45 a.m.	BREAK – EXHIBITS		
11:45 - 1:30 p.m.	FAIR HOUSING AWARDS LUNCHEON \$25 Luncheon Cost		
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion: Fair Housing for Community and Nonprofit Organizations – Jon Carlson, Eric Robinson, Kellie Paris Asaka	Legal Update: US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	Panel Discussion: Fair Housing 101 for Public Housing Authorities – Jill Fenner, Connie Radcliff, Kitty Amaya
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	BREAK – EXHIBITS		
3:15 - 5:00 p.m.	Fair Housing and Disability Modifications – Jill Fenner	Immigration and Fair Housing – Anne Hobbs	Foreclosures in Nebraska: An Update – Steve Peregrine

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Fair Housing Law: A Legal Update

John Relman, Attorney, Relman and Dane Law Firm, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Relman has represented scores of plaintiffs and public interest organizations in individual and class action discrimination cases in federal court. Mr. Relman represented the residents of Coal Run, Ohio, winning them a landmark \$11 million settlement.

This session will cover fair housing law and recent case developments in this area.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

MORNING SESSIONS

10:00-10:15 a.m.

Welcome & Remarks

Mayor Chris Beutler

10:15-11:30 a.m. (Plenary Session)

What Diversity Means Today

Joe Gerstandt, Diversity Education Facilitator and Speaker

Mr. Gerstandt is a certified mediator and an experienced facilitator on issues of diversity and inclusion. Previously he has worked as the Diversity Director at Alegent Health, as the Program Director at the National Conference for Community and Justice, as the Director of Education and Prevention Programming at the Nebraska AIDS Project, and he has served in the US Marine Corps. Joe Gerstandt works with Fortune 500 corporations, small non-profits, and everything in between.

This interactive workshop will engage participants in a timely re-examination of what diversity means as well as an exploration of how it impacts us...all of us, regardless of our intentions or “level of enlightenment.” And while being clear on what diversity means today is important, of even greater importance is our individual actions...are you acting in accordance with your beliefs regarding diversity? Are you a transformer...or a bystander?

11:45-1:30 p.m.

FAIR HOUSING LUNCHEON

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

1:30-3:00 p.m. (Concurrent Session A)

Panel Discussion: Fair Housing for Community and Nonprofit Organizations

Jon Carlson, City of Lincoln

Eric Robinson, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD - Omaha
Kellie Paris Asaka, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD - Omaha

This panel discussion and Q&A session will address everything grassroots community organizations should know about housing discrimination and fair housing law.

1:30-3:00 p.m. (Concurrent Session B)

Legal Update: US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region VII Office Legal Staff

This session will cover recent information and current developments from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, focusing on the recent updates to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

1:30-3:00 p.m. (Concurrent Session C)

Panel Discussion: Fair Housing 101 for Public Housing Authorities

Jill Fenner, Director of the Fair Housing Center of Nebraska, Omaha
Connie Radcliff, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD - Omaha
Kitty Amaya, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD – Omaha

This panel will discuss the questions and fair housing issues faced by public housing authorities as they address their communities’ housing needs. Panel members will address these concerns and then cover the fair housing law before responding to audience questions.

3:15-5:00 p.m. (Concurrent Session D)

Fair Housing and Disability Modifications

Jill Fenner, Director of the Fair Housing Center of Nebraska, Omaha

This session will provide basic information on making required structural disability modifications.

3:15-5:00 p.m. (Concurrent Session E)

Immigration and Fair Housing

Anne Hobbs, Director, Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission

Ms. Hobbs has served as the Director of the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission since June 2005. Prior to this, she worked as a consultant with the Nebraska Crime Commission, Lancaster County, as well as other private companies.

This session will cover issues concerning demographic changes in Nebraska, how this is impacting housing markets in the state, and why anti-immigration ordinances in the state have been largely unsuccessful.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

AFTERNOON SESSIONS (cont.)

3:15-5:00 p.m. (Concurrent Session F)

Foreclosures in Nebraska: An Update

Steve Peregrine, Deputy Director of Community Investment, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA)

NIFAs programs provide low-interest rate financing for manufacturing facilities, certain farm property, health care facilities, residential rental properties, housing rehabilitation, homeownership, and wastewater treatment and safe drinking water facilities. Recently, NIFA was given legislative authority to provide financing for public safety communications projects. NIFA also administers the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit program for residential rental property development.

This session will cover updates in the current mortgage and fair lending crises.



REGISTRATION FORM

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Tuesday, April 21 (Real Estate Specialty half session only)

No cost to attend, but for this half-day session you must register with Liz Bruce, RAL at 402-441-3621 or lizb@lincolnrealtors.com.

Wednesday, April 22 (Full-day conference sessions

+ Public Housing Authority Specialty session)

No cost to attend, but for the full conference sessions you must complete and return the form below. To attend the Fair Housing Award Luncheon, send a check for \$25.00 along with your registration form.

Please provide the following:

NAME

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Do you require any special accommodations?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please tell us what you require:

Please circle the sessions you plan to attend:

Wednesday, April 22

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> Registration deadline: April 6, 2009

> Cancellation deadline: April 6, 2009

> Luncheon To attend luncheon include registration form and a check for \$25.00, payable to LCHR.

Vegetarian Meal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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